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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated May 9, 2005, claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections.

The Examiner states that the disclosure is objected to because a formality on page 16, paragraph 0053. Applicant has amended the paragraph to state that the reference numeral to the antenna is 156. Applicant that this amendment overcomes this objection.

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Hendricks* (5,990,927).

Applicant has amended claim 14 to clarify that a wireless local network is formed. The Examiner states in the later rejection that no teaching is provided in the *Hendricks* reference for a wireless local network. Applicant therefore believes that this amendment overcomes this rejection.

Claims 1-13 and 18-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hendricks* in view of *Allport* (6,097,441) in further view of *Lemilainen* (6,681,259).

Applicant has amended the independent claims to emphasize that a plurality of appliances are positioned within the local area network. The Examiner states that the *Hendricks* reference does not describe a wireless local area network. Applicant agrees. The Examiner cites the *Allport* reference for a wireless network. The Examiner points to

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Col. 10, lines 9-15 of the *Allport* reference. Applicant has reviewed these passages. No teaching is found for a network. These passages describe wired or wireless communications but do not teach or suggest a network. That is, these passages refer to the base station 75 that provide information to the remote control. A network is thus not formed. The *Lemilainen* reference is cited for a wireless local area network. Applicant agrees that the *Lemilainen* reference describes a wireless local area network. However, no teaching or suggestion is provided for a base station that receives a composite signal and forms a wireless local area network in either the *Allport* or the *Lemilainen* references. The base station according to the present claims rebroadcasts at least a portion of the composite signal as a rebroadcast signal using the wireless local network. The *Lemilainen* reference is directed to coupling a wireless terminal to a data transmission network. However, no teaching or suggestion is formed for such a base station that receives the composite broadcast signal, grabs frames from the composite broadcast signal and forms a wireless local area network.

Claim 18 has been amended in a similar manner to recite the frame grabbing software. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 is believed to be allowable for the same reasons set forth above.

Claims 2-13 and 19-22 are believed to be allowable for the same reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 18.

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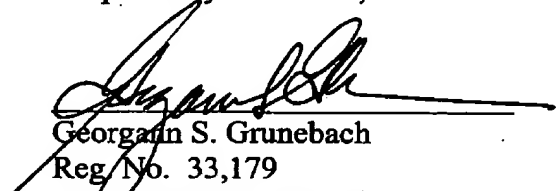
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Claims 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hendricks* in view of *Allport*. Applicant respectfully submits that the *Hendricks* reference has the deficiencies set forth above. Also, the *Allport* reference also does not teach or suggest a wireless local area network. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 15-17 are allowable for the same reasons set forth above.

In light of the amendments and remarks above, Applicant submits that all rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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